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## REAL TRAINING STARTS AT TAMPA AS GRIFF'S INFIELD FALLS IN LINE

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

TAMPA, Fla., March 13.—Now it may be said that the training for the coming campaign has begun. It had to wait until today and the arrival of the bulk of the infielders, which means Joe Judge, Roger Peckinpaugh and Hank Shanks. There just wouldn't be any Griffith this year were it not for that infield. It promises to look like the nearest approach to a stonewall affair since Gandil, Morgan, McBride and Foster held down the inner positions and raised merry Cain in this man's league.

Lacking the excitement going with a large crowd of players, there was little idle talk among the players as they toured Virginia and the Carolinas on Saturday and traversed the sunny fields of Florida yesterday. Veteran ball players seldom look out of the window, unless it be to watch a pretty girl waving at the train. The pretty girls seemed to be busy somewhere else when the rear guard of the Griffs were coming to Tampa.

This Everglades Limited over the Atlantic Coast Line is a good train, which means considerable to the veteran traveler, and then it was a wonderful thing to come to the Tampa Bay Hotel at the close of the long journey from the chilly District of Columbia. There was the warmth of a real welcome from everybody at the hotel, followed by a glorious dinner.

No wonder the players are all strong for this town and this hotel. They get New York dinners with Florida scenery. That is very hard for a ball player to take.

Winter was hugging Virginia all day Saturday, and at Florence, S.C., that night it was positively cold on the platform. But the miracle took place some time thereafter, and as the train rolled around that long, slow curve into Jacksonville the little darlings could be seen running and playing ball in the bright sunlight. We were in Florida, though still a long distance from here.

Not much time was spent in Jacksonville, though it was long enough for the ardent south to learn a most important thing. Yes, you can get it here now, just as well as you could last year. O welcome news!

They gave the engine a rest and some breakfast, and the way was off for Tampa. Unless you have been in Florida before you will never forget that ride across the State from Jacksonville to Tampa. The train takes its time, as does everything and everybody in this section of the world. What's the use of hurrying? You'll find the same at the end. Thus endeth the Florida philosophy. Can you see anything better?

Indeed, there is comfort in merely reading the names of the stations you pass, stopping a moment at all of them as if to wish good-day to the stationmaster. Palatka comes next night about noon, its streets shaded by tall trees draped with the overhanging Spanish moss that hangs and sways in the lightest breeze.

De Land, Sanford, Winter Park, they come along at regular periods, each carefully hidden away behind the trees and the gray moss tails. Now and then you see a white skirt on some porch in the distance, proving that folks do live here.

But you are certain you're in Florida when your train slows up beside the station in Kissimmee. Shades of the Seminole chiefs who suffered the pangs of those dark coils at St. Augustine rise to life. You may imagine furtive forms hiding beside the track, with spear or arrow poised to transfix you.

Your train trudges on at a snail's pace. The windows are open and the warm breeze comes in to soothe and lull you to a welcome snooze. The baby that had been crying for hours during the night makes up for it by sleeping at a little angel in the place behind you. It must know it's in Florida, the land of youth and sunshine and drowsy days.

Again you stop, this time at Haines City. Bees are buzzing beside the platform. Some one calls in half tones off behind some moss-hung trees. It must be a signal, for your engine slowly gets under way. You have never seen Haines City, you suddenly recall. It must have been off somewhere sleeping. The afternoon is waning when

## CHERRYDALE TEAMS READY FOR BOOKINGS

Virginians Have Unlimited and Junior Outfits to Oppose Washington Sandlotters.

The Cherrydale Athletic Association is preparing for a lively baseball season and wants to hear from local clubs in the junior and unlimited classes. Last year the Virginia organization's initial season was a big success and as the teams have been strengthened the Virginia has expected to clean up. Mr. Schaefer, a county business man, has granted the association permission to use the fifteen-acre plot at Clark's Hill for a diamond, which is being put into excellent condition. The heavy hitters will have a hard time trying to knock the ball out of the lot.

Officers chosen to direct the association for the year are: F. E. Goodnow, president; John H. Raines, vice president and manager of the junior team; William O. Williams, secretary; J. V. Reynolds, treasurer, and E. C. Johnson, assistant secretary.

Jack Spates will manage the unlimited nine, being assisted by Assistant Manager William E. Goodrick and Capt. "Mickey" Johnson.

The following candidates are out to seek berths on the teams: V. E. Reynolds, J. Reynolds, R. O. Clouser, W. E. Goodrick, "Mickey" Johnson, E. Money, E. Jenkins, E. Walker, O. Williams, E. Williams, H. Abell, L. Elliott, J. Hinkle, R. S. Johnson, A. Mackey, F. V. Winegarden, R. Hair, E. Donaldson, Jack Young, F. Bryan, Jim Bayless, W. Williams, Ed. Jackson, W. Hamilton, H. Todd, N. B. Trappo, R. Harnberger, A. Newman and A. Rousch.

Practice games have been arranged with the Brookmont Athletic Club for April 2 and 9. A drive for active members is proving successful. Teams desiring to arrange games should communicate with "Mickey" Johnson, Cherrydale, Va.

## Snappy News From Training Camps in Dixieland

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 13.—"Pie" Traynor will play second base for the Pittsburgh Pirates' regular team in the first game of the season here today. The placing of Traynor at second is an experiment toward strengthening this position. If Traynor makes good he will be given this post regularly, according to Manager Gibson. There will be daily "Yan" and regular games until Friday, when the Pirates meet the Red Sox in the first of three inter-club games.

CATALINA ISLAND, Cal., March 13.—Bill Killifer, pilot of the Cubs, did not relish the two beatings his charges received from the Portland Beavers and the Vernon Tigers during their sojourn on the mainland, and plans to take it out on the athletes this week. Some of the light hitters will be coached in the art of smiting the ball and a few of the untidy infielders will be taught new tricks.

DALLAS, Tex., March 13.—The Cleveland Indians are rounding into shape rapidly under the hard training they have been getting for the past few days. Stuffy McInnes was the bright star in yesterday's game with the Cardinals, driving in the trying and winning tallies.

St. John's on Top.

Finishing the season with only two games lost in twenty-two, the St. John's College prep team claims the 1921-22 championship in basketball.

## Says Damon Runyon:

HERE'S CHARLEY WITH ANOTHER.

WE LOOKED UP as the shadow of a moustache fell across our typewriter.

Charles Harvey was at our elbow. Behind him stood a chunky built youth. We caught a glimpse of a well tinned ear.

"What?" we ejaculated. "Another?"

The famous importer of English boxers blushed, and shuffled his feet in some embarrassment.

"It's getting so that every time we look around here you come dragging one in," we said severely. "The janitors are complaining."

Harvey continued to blush, and to shuffle his feet, and to tweak his moustache.

"Yes, it's another," he admitted finally. "But this one's all right. Yes, he's quite all right. Quite. Bermondsey Billy Wells. Weight ten stone. That's 140 pounds in American exchange, you know. Five feet, nine inches. Twenty-five. Color, white. Yes, indeed. Bermondsey Billy."

Here a long pause, during which Mr. Harvey gazed fondly into the open pan of Bermondsey, who blinked his eyes under the scrutiny.

"He's quite all right," Mr. Harvey again assured us. "Quite. Never lost but one decision in twenty-four scraps, and beat the party who beat him in a return bout. He has registered twenty knockouts. I didn't know he was so good myself until I consulted his record."

"No relation to Bombardier Billy Wells, or Mat Wells, or any of the other Wellises you've heard of. He stopped Mat in thirteen rounds. He has licked the best ten-stone boys in England. That's 140 pounds, as I've told you. Yes, he's quite all right. "Was in the service during the war. Come forward, Bermondsey Billy, and tell the gentleman some of your experiences."

"The last time," said Bermondsey Billy—Bermondsey being his old home town—"Di Roberts, the English fighter, was killed alongside of me. It was a warm place."

"Did you see anything of Ted-Kid Lewis at Ypres?" we asked.

"No," said Bermondsey Billy. "I didn't see him."

Familiar in America.

Mr. Harvey's English importations are familiar to the American trade. Mr. Harvey has been in that racket for many years.

The last few seasons the quality of his imports has slightly deteriorated, due to no fault of Mr. Harvey. It has been a long time since he brought over any Jim Driscolls, or Owen Morans.

However, he points with some pride to Ted-Kid Lewis who remained here long enough to win and lose the world's welterweight championship, and who is now the welter, middle and light heavy-weight champion of England.

The last time Charley was in the office he shook Gus Platts and Ernest Rice out of his cuffs. But that, of course, is another story. Anyway, Charles says Bermondsey Billy Wells is all right. Quite.

Proves He Got Tough Deal.

JOE BENJAMIN, the Stockton lightweight, is around with the documents to prove that he got a tough deal over in Philadelphia the night he boxed Joe Tiptitz, and was declared the loser on a foul.

Billy Rocap, one of the ablest of the Eastern sporting writers, takes a particularly heavy fall out of the decision. He says Benjamin crumpled Tiptitz with a body punch that was strictly legal. Nearly everyone who saw the battle, with the exception of perhaps a few friends of Tiptitz, support Rocap's contention.

Stopping Tiptitz is quite a trick, at that, and it looks as if Benjamin is back in his real form. Rocap says he was trained like a race horse for the Tiptitz bout, and made a great showing.

Absence Is Explained.

MIKE GIBBONS, the Gonher State Ghost, will not work in Brother Tom's corner tonight when Tom faces Harry Greb.

Eddie Kane, manager of Tom, has a good reason for Michael's absence. Tom fights his fights in his own way," says Eddie. "He has had enough experience to know what he is doing. There is nothing that any one can tell him after the battle

## TENNIS STARS OF 1921 AGAIN TO COMPETE

Eight Foreign Nations Sure to Be Represented in Drawings on March 16.

When the draw for the Davis cup contest of 1922 is made at the office of the United States Lawn Tennis Association on March 16 it promises to include most of the competitors whose entries last year made this the greatest event in the annals of tennis. Challenges have already been received from Australasia, the British Isles, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Italy and Spain.

It is likely, of course, that Japan, which was the nation to face the United States in the challenge round of 1921, will compete again, since Zensho Shimidzu, who was the mainstay of the Japanese team, is now in this country. From information that has come to the National Association, it is expected that Belgium and India also will challenge.

The revised regulations for this international event provide that all challenges must reach the champion nation, now the United States, by March 15. The draw is made within the three days following that date, and this year the officers of the U. S. L. T. A. expect to make it on the 16th. The nations are drawn in this contest, and the individuals are for the ordinary tournament, the whole draw being determined by lot.

To make such a "blind draw" the names of the challenging countries are written on separate slips of paper, which are thrown into a hat and then taken out at random. The draw determines the pairs for the first-round matches or for any byes that may be required, depending upon the number of competitors.

Immediately after the draw, which is made publicly, the National Association cables each of the competing nations the draw, together with suggested dates by which the first, second and third round matches must be completed. The various competitors arrange among themselves the time and place for holding their first matches. After these have been finished and the United States informed of the results, the time and place of the next matches are determined.

Thus the contest will be brought down to the challenge round, which will be played at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, ending on Labor Day. The competing nations do not have to name their teams until twenty-one days before their first match, so the representatives of the several nations will not be known for some weeks.

Arabs on Warpath.

The Arabian A. C. wants to tackle any team averaging 125 pounds. The Lexington basketballers especially are invited to play the Arabs again. Lester Murdock, phone Lincoln 6698 is the Arabs' shiek. Baseball practice will be started by the Arabs today on the Union Station plaza at 2 p. m.

Manhattans Start.

With Chris Hutchinson at the helm, the Manhattans, who won twenty-three of twenty-seven games at basketball, are ready to book baseball games with any strong teams. Hutchinson's address is 1505 Rosedale street northeast.

Form Wabash A. C.

Athletes in the vicinity of Clarendon are forming the Wabash A. C. and already are arranging games for the baseball schedule. Past Washington teams desiring dates should communicate with J. J. Mooney, 40 Fort avenue, Clarendon, Va.

## OLD MAN WRIGHT IS BUSY AGAIN WITH REX SLUGGERS

## Sandlotters Start Work Tonight on Big Series

Here's the slate for tonight's meeting of the independent sandlot managers, to be called at 8 o'clock in The Washington Times sports department.

Elect a chairman and an executive committee.

Set the age limits for the various classes.

Name the date the series is to start (the league plan seems to have been abandoned).

Those are the principal things.

In all matters requiring a ballot each club will be allowed one vote. It is requested that no team send more than two representatives.

Indications are that more teams will be represented in tonight's gathering than in the preliminary meeting held last week.

By R. D. THOMAS.

Old Man James E. Wright is out again with his Rex Athletic Club and warns the world to beware. "We'll be stronger this year than last," is his message to the waiting foe. And this despite the little ruckus that was reported in the Rex ranks toward the end of last season.

This seems to have been patched up and left the famous semi-pro outfit with no ill-effects, for the veteran manager announced today that practically all of the old warriors had returned to camp and a few new ones had joined them.

To make the club one of the foremost semi-pro organizations in the East the Rexmen have incorporated with the following officers: Clarence R. McClure, president; James E. Wright, vice president, and Walter B. Carter, secretary and treasurer.

It is understood that the little matter of incorporation had to do in a measure with the slight friction within the Rex machine at the close of last year's successful season. The Rex name has been duly trade marked.

Suppose some other outfit saw fit to organize and play under the name of Rex A. C. Then the real Rex A. C., which these last number of years has been building up reputation and patronage, not only in Washington but in other places, might have to struggle for what rightfully belonged to it in the way of recognition.

So the Rex A. C. has been incorporated and its name trade marked. And James E. Wright says it is to be the foremost semi-pro ball team in the East. Sandlot fans have had the name—James E. Wright—so long associated in their minds with the word "success" that they are apt to believe in his prediction.

Pretty much the same may well be said of his fellow officers, McClure and Carter, and when one glances at the following names of players who attended the last meeting, it is easy to understand Jimmy Wright's hopefulness:

Brownie Limerick, Emil Pfeil, Johnny Fitzgerald, Eddie Carroll, Charley Bernhardt, Johnny Bieler, Buck Jenkins and Skippy Giovannetti. These are eight of last year's regulars. Only Roche, McCarthy, Fraser and Owen were absent.

All of these latter with the exception of Lem Owen are expected to be on hand when the first practice is held within two weeks. Owen is out on the coast with the Salt Lake team, in the Pacific Coast League. Several promising candidates will be given a tryout with the northeast clubmen.

The club is planning to bring to

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